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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Jefferson City, MO- Colonel Jerry Adams has announced the results of an idle speed zone survey recently conducted at Lake of the Ozarks. The Grand Glaize Safe Boating Association (GGSBA) has proposed the creation of an idle speed zone on a portion of the Grand Glaize Arm of Lake of the Ozarks. The Missouri State Water Patrol developed a survey to be conducted to determine the amount of support from property owners in the affected area. The GGSBA provided a list of qualified survey recipients based on tax receipts to the Water Patrol and mailed the survey at the expense of the GGSBA to the property owners. The property owners (who chose to), in turn, mailed the surveys directly back to the Water Patrol.

The Proposal

It has been proposed that approximately one mile of the Grand Glaize Arm of Lake of the Ozarks be made idle speed from 10:00 AM to Official Sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from Memorial weekend to and including Labor Day weekend. This would affect approximately 33 days during that period. The proposed area under consideration is from the presently existing buoys located on the north side (or down stream side) of the Grand Glaize Bridge to approximately the Moorings Yacht Club extending across the channel. The approximate time to idle through this proposed area would take 10 to 15 minutes.

Additional buoys will be extended approximately 600 feet from the south side of the Moorings Yacht Club to the mouth of Temple Resort's cove creating a corridor for smaller vessels and those wanting to stay out of faster moving boat traffic.

The purpose of this proposal is to enhance safety in the Grand Glaize Arm, which in recent years has been compromised by extremely heavy traffic due to the establishment of the so-called "Party Cove" in the uninhabited Anderson Hollow Cove.

This proposal will not change or eliminate previously approved coves that have been established as idle speed within this idle speed zone. However, the existing No Wake/Idle Speed buoys permitted and placed by the Missouri State Water Patrol at the entrance of Anderson Hollow Cove ("Party Cove") would change from the presently permitted idle speed all the time to idle speed from 10:00 AM to Official Sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from May 1st to September 30th.

If this proposal is ultimately approved within the existing guidelines, all costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of buoys and signs will be borne by the applicant and supporters solicited by the applicant and shall not be the responsibility of the Missouri State Water Patrol or any other entity of state government.

Survey Results

Total of 494 surveys mailed

Total of 310 votes cast

Total of 292 **legal** votes cast

18 surveys returned were disqualified of which:

17 surveys returned without requested documents provided

1 survey returned without requested documents provided and vote not indicated

Of the 292 legal votes cast:

277 votes or 94.8% were in favor

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15 votes or 5.1% were opposed

Since the proposal had support from at least 75% of the respondents, it will now undergo the buoy application process. If approved, we are hopeful this will help remedy the current problems in this area of the Grand Glaize Arm. However, if after a period of time it is determined that the desired effect has not been realized or if conditions have developed as a result of the idle speed zone that create more hazardous conditions, the Missouri State Water Patrol reserves the right by law and agreement with the GGSBA, to amend or revoke the permit on our own initiative. It must also be understood, under all circumstances, any and all expenses incurred as a result of approval, amendment or revocation of the Grand Glaize Arm idle speed zone permit shall be borne by the applicant and shall not be borne by the Missouri State Water Patrol or any other entity of state government.

The Missouri State Water Patrol has set a public buoy hearing for this matter on April 15th, 2002 at the Osage Beach City Hall at 7:30 PM.

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